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ANNIHILATION OF OLD CITY DEFENDERS

Jews Win
Jaffa

Arabs Dynamite Four Jewish Buildings

REPORTED AMERICAN LOAN FOR ISRAEL

Cairo, May 25.—The "complete annihilation" of Jewish defenders in the old city of Jerusalem was declared near tonight in a broadcast from Amman where Arab state leaders deliberated the United Nations cease fire appeal.

The broadcast, by the British-controlled Near East Radio, quoted a communique by the Trans-Jordan Army and said large scale Jewish night attacks to relieve the besieged men in the old city again had been repulsed. "Considerable casualties were inflicted on the Jews during their retreat. The besieged Jewish quarter is on its way toward complete annihilation," the communique said.

An Associated Press dispatch from inside Jerusalem's old city said Arabs dynamited four buildings in the Jewish quarter, possibly burying many Jews. The dispatch said the bodies of 15 Jews were left behind where they made a half hour moonlight attack in an effort to reach the troops cut off inside the old wall.

The Arab Legion claimed finally to have conquered massive Notre Dame Hospice, just outside the old city's northwest corner, after a week's bitter fighting. The Legion also said it captured the Italian Hospital at the opposite end of Saint Paul's Road.

After eight days of fighting in the city, the Arab Legion and Jews showed no signs of ceasing fire. A hint that the Arabs would refuse to go along with the UN Security Council's latest cease fire order, unless the Jewish state quits functioning, was seen in a statement by Fares el Khoury, the Syrian delegate at Lake Success.

ARABS DELIBERATING

(In Washington the State Department announced American representatives in Egypt and Syria had been instructed to advise the two governments that a blockade of Palestine would not be recognized.)

The Arab-Polish Committee, meeting in the Trans-Jordan capital, had until 5 p.m. GMT on Wednesday to reply to the UN Security Council demand for a cease fire. The Arabs had requested 48 hours extension of the original request that fighting stop by 5 p.m. GMT on Monday. A dispatch from Jerusalem said Jewish sources expect a major Arab offensive before the 48 hour truce appeal extension has run out. A Jewish spokesman was

quoted as saying, "The Arabs want to win a major victory which would strengthen their hands internally and externally."

A Haganah communique said tonight that Jerusalem was bombed from the air this afternoon.

LOAN FOR ISRAEL

London, May 25.—The United States, first nation to recognize the provisional Government of Israel, today tentatively approved a loan of \$80 million to \$100 million to the new-born state fighting for its life in the 11th day of the Arab invasion.

News of the loan was announced by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel President, after a 30-minute conference with President Harry S. Truman in Washington.

Meanwhile, the Jews still holding out against the Arab onslaught in Jerusalem, awaited news of the Arab rulers' decision in Amman, Trans-Jordan, on the cease-fire call by the United Nations Security Council.

Amid a bustle of troops in the flag-decked Trans-Jordan capital the Arab leaders drafted their reply in a 90-minute meeting at noon, and

afterwards lunched with King Abdullah and Emir Abdul Ilham, Regent of Iraq, in the Royal Palace.

No statement was issued to the press, but it was indicated the reply was being sent to Fares el Khoury, Syrian delegate at Lake Success.

A report from Cairo states that the Arab states reply to the Security Council's cease-fire order in Palestine, which the Arab leaders are discussing at Amman, will contain three conditions for Arab agreement to cease fire:

- 1—Dissolution of all Zionist groups in Palestine;
- 2—Complete ending of immigration;
- 3—Non-recognition of the Jewish state.

EMBARGO REPEAL PLEA

Dr. Weizmann, President of Israel, who told newsmen that President Truman had tentatively approved a loan of between \$80 million and \$100 million, said the loan was subject to the working-out of details with various Government departments.

He also laid before the American President an urgent appeal for the immediate lifting of America's present embargo on arms shipments to Israel.

Truman agreed that the matter was "urgent," Weizmann declared, adding that he was "now hopeful" on the matter.

The frail President of the new Jewish state made these announcements at a press conference held immediately after his White House meeting with Truman. He summed up his visit as "satisfactory." He castigated the Jewish Government for "undoing the work of Richard Coeur de Lion" by "leading Arab armies into Jerusalem."

Weizmann said Israel was seeking American aid to buy arms, start general reconstruction work and help to import about 15,000 displaced persons from Europe per month.

Israel wants to buy planes, tanks and anti-tank guns. Food, housing, transport and steamers are also needed for the refugees, he said.

He added that his request for the loan "was not in vain" and he quoted President Truman as saying: "there is no trouble about that because the Jews pay their debts."

Recounting his conversation with Truman on the problem of the arms embargo, Dr. Weizmann said "it is essential to provide for our safety—it should be lifted as soon as possible."

THIRD SUBJECT

The third major subject discussed by the two Presidents was the formal recognition of Israel and the exchange of diplomatic missions.

"That will of course come," Dr. Weizmann said.

The Israeli President spoke only briefly of the situation in Palestine, but expressed the belief that "some" of the Arab states will abide by the cease-fire order of the Security Council.

He said Israel forces were prepared to leave Jaffa and Acre as soon as hostilities ceased, but stressed that the Jews still felt that Jerusalem should be theirs although it was not allotted them under the partition plan.

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Chinese Reds Set Up New Administration

San Francisco, May 25.—The Chinese Communist radio announced today that the Reds have set up a united, "administrative region," with a population about as large as France, in seven North China provinces.

The broadcast from North Shensi did not call it a rival government for China, but it apparently was a step in that direction.

The broadcast was heard by the Associated Press in San Francisco. The new Communist set up will be called the "North China Liberated Area." The Red radio said it is composed of the major part of Hebei and Shansi provinces, and part of Shantung province on the East, part of Honan on the south and parts of Jehol, Chahar and Suiyuan on the north.

The Government's and Communist Party's bureaus have been merged, and the two armies of that area have been placed under one administration.

The radio broadcast that "the North China Liberated Area contains China's fertile agricultural plains and rich coal regions."

SHENSI EXCLUDED

The areas, as outlined by the Reds, embrace all Communist holdings in North China except for those in Shensi province.

This omission may or may not be significant. North Shensi contains the old Communist capital of Yenan, which recently was recaptured by the Chinese Communists. The same broadcast announced the "triumphant return" of the "Yenan Border Region Government" to Yenan after an absence of 13 months during which Government troops occupied the city.

Before the Government seized Yenan, Mao Tse Tung, leader of the Chinese Communists, made his headquarters there. It is not known whether Mao himself has returned, but it is possible Yenan is being prepared to resume its role as a Red capital of Communist regions in the north which have grown tremendously in the past 13 months.

Mr. Foster told the US Senate Appropriations Committee that ECA had arranged to buy \$50,000,000 worth of supplies for China, mostly cotton and rice.

But, he said, the Chinese jumped the gun with "extraordinarily large" orders for cotton in this country.

If the ECA refuses to pick up the bill for these orders, he said, the Chinese could spend what dollars they have for cotton and ask for some other type of American aid.

"We think we should keep militant control over their spending dollars, to keep the programme in balance," Mr. Foster declared.

Committee Chairman Bridges asked how aid is going to China, saying he had a feeling that China has been more or less an orphan child in the aid programme and that the State Department has been dragging its feet somewhat.

Mr. Foster replied that as a matter of fact the China programme is ahead of the European programme. He said this is true because only basic aid commodities are involved and because the ECA has to deal with only one movement in China's case.—Associated Press.

Jewish soldiers man a strong point on the border of the Jewish occupied area of Jaffa, the Manshieh district and the British-held area of the Arab city, after Irgun Zvai Leumi forces had attacked the section.—AP Picture.

Belligerent Soviet Administrator

Berlin, May 25.—Colonel Alexis Yelizarov, the Soviet Deputy Commander here, tonight adopted what was described as a "threatening attitude" when protesting against the action of the three Western military governments in sending liaison officers to police headquarters in the Soviet zone of Berlin.

Col. Yelizarov declared at a meeting of Berlin Deputy Commandants that "these liaison officers have installed themselves without permission whatsoever."

The Soviet authorities have been placed in a position where they might have to take necessary measures to liquidate the abnormal situation which has been created.

AMERICAN RETORT

"This is a violation of the peace and order of the Soviet zone of Berlin."

Colonel William Babcock, the American representative, retorted that the United States Military Government proposed to send liaison officers into any building under control of the four powers where it was felt that there was need for liaison.

Brigadier E. R. Benson, Chairman and British representative, said "it is a very serious thing if the Soviet authorities are threatening to stop British representatives from going into the building of any organization under quadri-partite control. What measures do you propose taking?"

Colonel Yelizarov replied: "I have said all I am going to say."—Reuter.

CHURCHILL ACCUSED OF BEING A WARMONGER

Berlin, May 25.—The Deputy Russian Commander of Berlin charged today that Mr. Winston Churchill was "directing preparations for a new war."

Colonel Alexei Ivanovich Yelizarov of the USSR told a meeting of the four Allied Deputy commanders of Berlin that Mr. Churchill inspired the European Union movement, which "is working against Russia and the peoples' democracies."

He claimed that world opinion had named Mr. Churchill "warmonger."

Brigadier E. R. Benson, British Deputy Commander, said the epithet "warmonger" was a "malicious insult to Mr. Churchill."

Brig. Benson said Mr. Churchill was honored as "one of the main architects of victory... any libelous or slanderous attack on Mr. Churchill would be received with resentment by people all over the world who are still able to think for themselves."

He pointed out that as leader of the Opposition, Mr. Churchill was still a member of the British Government.

"Mr. Churchill is leader of the Opposition, which in Great Britain has not deprived him of his honours

Another Gruesome Discovery In Pond

Barnet, Hertfordshire, May 25.—The police dragged two severed human feet from the mud of a pond at Potters Bar, near here, today, uncovering one of the most gruesome mysteries in Britain for years.

The feet had been seen off just above the ankles. Also found were part of a leg and a piece of flesh.

The pond, which lies on Potters Bar's golf course, 15 miles north of London, revealed its first secret last Sunday when two boys found a human hand and parts of a pelvis.

The remains are believed to have been in the mud for at least six months.

The police tonight believed that the unknown was murdered, though the body may have been cut up by someone wishing to conceal an accidental death.—Reuter.

UNRELENTING INVESTIGATION

Blackburn, England, May 25.—Chief Inspector John Capstick of Scotland Yard said today that investigations into the recent series of children's murders would go on a 24-hour basis until the cases were solved.

"There is no time limit, no hours to the day," said Inspector Capstick in referring to police efforts to locate the brutal slayers of four-year-old June Devaney at Blackburn 11 days ago and an 11-year-old boy at Farnworth six weeks ago.

Inspector Capstick is in charge of both cases.

"That is a job that must be done thoroughly and that is how it is being done," he said.

Detectives were still taking fingerprints of 30,000 males living in the Blackburn area, in hopes that a set can be found matching prints on the hospital bed from which June was abducted before her murder.

COMBING GOLF COURSE

Meanwhile, the London authorities continued combing Potters Bar golf course, where the right arm and pelvis of a male human were found last Saturday.

Fingerprint experts so far have failed to get an impression from the badly decomposed fingers. The medical authorities estimated that the member was crudely hacked off the body of a young man and thrown into the pond at the golf course about a month ago.

Police teams were draining other water hazards on the course today and checking the missing persons' list.—United Press.

Japan Asks For More Rice

Tokyo, May 25.—The Japanese Government will officially request more rice imports to balance the national deficit of 1,600,000 koku (7,936,000 bushels), Mr. Shindichi Katayama, Government Food Chief, said today.

He stated that the rice shortage was particularly acute in urban areas, but he was confident the supply and demand would be balanced by October.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Benefits Of The BIF

JUDGING from the reports received in Hongkong of the British Industries Fair which has just closed, three interesting facts were established: (1) the demand for capital goods is still everywhere great; (2) that Britain, while capable of manufacturing some of the finest products in the world, is finding it difficult to execute orders, principally because of the continued shortage of steel; (3) that Hongkong Industries, by their presence at the Fair, have succeeded in attracting the attention of world buyers. So far as the impact of the BIF on British Industries is concerned, it must be considered in conjunction with the planned reduction in Home capital expenditure programmes, initiated towards the end of last year to help build up the export drive. The BIF served primarily the same aim, and insofar that it proved to the world that Britain can turn out products of unsurpassed quality, the Fair achieved an important purpose. There still remains the problem of expanding output to a degree and in such a direction that the nation's economy will be able to make a full recovery. Figures to indicate that this is slowly being realized are easy to find. For example, during 1947 the index for engineering, shipbuilding and electrical goods rose from 103 in the first quarter to 112 in the second, 115 in the third and 133 in the fourth, while the increase in the total for all manufacturing industries was from 95 in the first quarters to

120 in the fourth. Other interesting trends brought out in this analysis are that the production of textiles, which form an important element in the export drive, increased from 91 to 121 over the four quarters, while vehicles went up from 95 to 115. The picture, though encouraging, continues to be shadowed by the limiting factor of steel, and it is admitted by Government officials, and industrial leaders alike that the undeniable stimulus of the BIF, still faces a heavy task to reach their export targets for 1948. Faced with nothing like the same problems of basic materials shortage, Hongkong Industries can consider their representation at the BIF as the best investment they have ever made. Firstly the wide range of the Colony's products caught the imagination of the world buyers; secondly they were, apparently, equally impressed by the quality and workmanship of the goods on display. Markets which, hitherto, have been closed to Hongkong manufacturers and producers, because the potential customers possessed no idea of what we had to offer, are now open to rich possibilities, notably in South Africa. Accepting the glowing London reports about the Hongkong exhibition on face value, the Colony's manufacturers have good reason to feel well satisfied with their venture at the British Industries Fair, while the enthusiastic work of their representatives merits the fullest appreciation.

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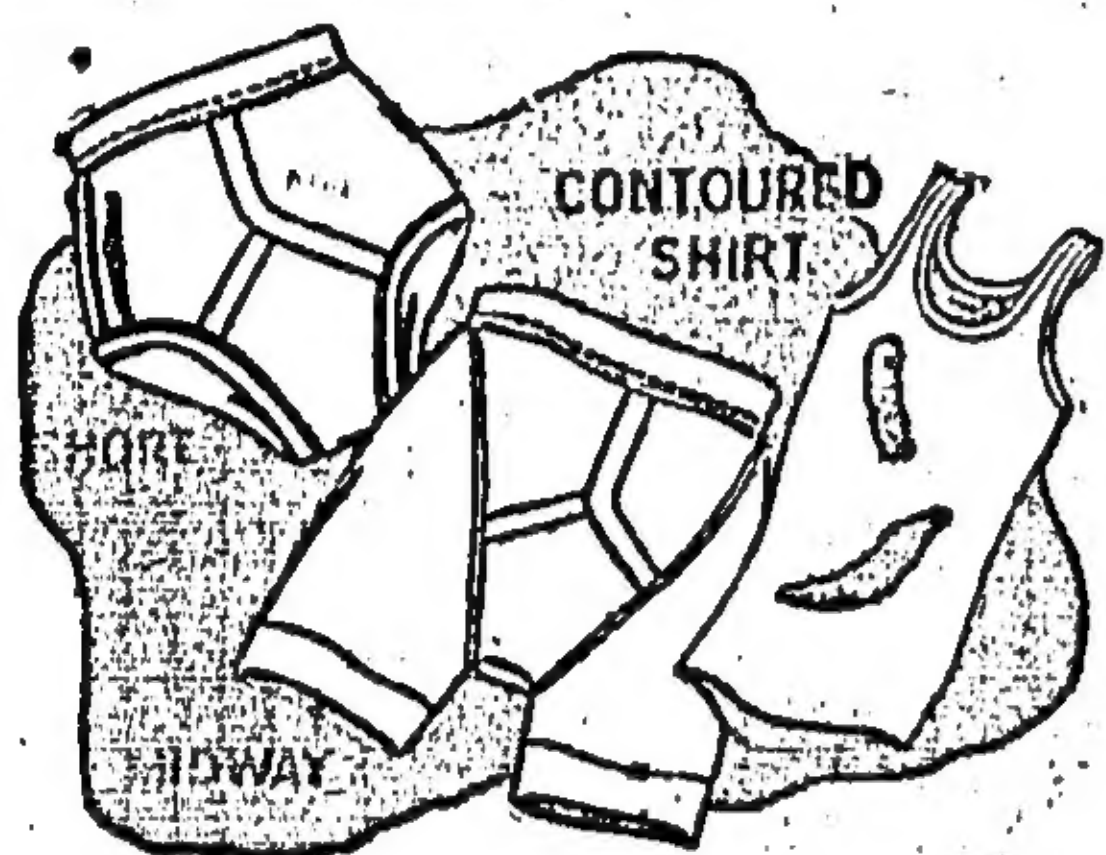
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The Two-Piece Resort Dress



By ALICE ALDEN

THE one-piece model with a two-piece look continues to draw attention. Designed for resort luncheon and dinner wear, by a New York designer, the outfit shown here is a good example of this type of dress. The top is a blouse of sheer white crepe that fastens off-centre with pearl buttons, and is tucked on each side down the sleeves. The softly flared skirt is of green, blue and charcoal ribbon print, and has a small belt looped with long ends. It is typical of the ladylike, unobtrusively smart yet colourful clothes to be seen at summer resorts this year.

Around The Town with Mercia Hillary

MR Lau Tak-po, managing director of the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company, is having a party tonight at the Hongkong Hotel in honour of the marriage of his niece, Miss Maureen Lau, to Mr Samuel Milton Lam, which took place this morning at the Registry Office. About 100 guests have been invited.

HERE'S good news for fat men! No more dieting, nor caring what the wife has to say, because George Crilly (of Watsons) has a good idea. He is collecting names for a Fat Man's Club, and this promises to be one of the jolliest clubs in town. So far he has Edgar da Sousa, Robert de LaSala and Ernie Moses (and many names he couldn't give me on the spot) interested in his scheme. But—and here's the catch—George is determined that no one under a certain girth measurement will be eligible. He added, however, that such men as Mr Gingles (whose support he is anxious to enlist) will have no trouble at all.

DO you know that the Societe de Litterature et d'Art Francais has been in existence here for a year, and has a membership list of more than 130 people, of different nationalities, who meet regularly each month for tea and to converse in French? Members of this Society have access to a library of almost 3,000 books in one of the rooms at the French Consulate.

CHECKING up on a rumour that rooms were occasionally available for ladies at the Y.W.C.A., I found this, to my amazement, to be true. The secretary asked me to say that this was not always so, but at the moment there is place in a dormitory for two or three girls.

IT seems to me as though Watson's Mineral Water section have missed something by not erecting a miniature bar at their Chater Road branch for thirsty passersby, who have to be satisfied with gazing at the rows and rows of thirst-quenchers and not a drop to drink.

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Business Unusual



Away With Freckles!



A MOISTURE-RESISTING foundation lotion is good insurance against skin damage caused by exposure to strong sunlight.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT is not too early to start a campaign against freckles, in case your sacred complexion has a yen for collecting them. Of course, if you lived in a dark cellar you would never have them, as they are put there by the warm rays of the sun. As sunshine is invigorating, we must have plenty of it. But one should protect the skin from discolorations. There are individuals who like freckles but not on themselves. They think they make a girl look cute, pliant and sassy.

Keep the epidermal coat well lubricated if you are a freckle fighter. Don't count the cost of oily cosmetics; they are worth the price. They serve several purposes. They cleanse, they keep spots away, they land to make the surface of the skin satin-smooth. No woman should be without them, winter and summer.

One rule for Freckle Face: Do not use soap and water just before going out of doors or directly after coming in, when the face has been sunburned. A thin cream will remove surface dust. Foundation cosmetics perform a service; they act as a barrier against strong sunlight. Powder helps, too. A moisture-resisting type is excellent in warm weather.

Don't forget the idea that you would have to have your freckles peeled away. Dermatologists can remove them. But what's the use? They come back upon exposure; it is the same old story. No specialist will give a guarantee that the complexion will remain free of them. It is a long, long fight; you might as well know that.

There are two kinds of freckles, the permanent residents and the transients. The first are as stubborn as all get out, but the come-in-the-summer type can be overcome if one is diligent, painstaking and lavish with the protective cosmetics.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pixie O'Scowl Was Very Cross

—He Never Had Time to Relax—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-around names, were sitting on the garden wall, when they heard a voice saying: "Work, work, work—nothing but work, work, work." They recognised the voice as belonging to their friend, Pixie O'Scowl.

Sure enough, on looking behind the raspberry bush they found Pixie O'Scowl sitting disconsolately on a white pebble. "He's got frowns all over his face," whispered Hanid to her brother. "He's in very bad humour," said Knarf.

At this moment Pixie O'Scowl soiled his own visitors and two or three of his frowns disappeared as he grumbled: "Good morning."

"Good morning," returned Knarf and Hanid cheerfully.

In Advance

"I suppose you've come to ask me to do something. I'm warning you in advance that I'm not going to do it. I've done enough work for one day. Goodbye!"

But instead of going, Knarf and Hanid set down beside him and asked him what he had been doing to make him so tired of working anymore.

"What have I been doing?" growled Pixie O'Scowl. "What haven't I been doing? I was awakened up at dawn to pry open a Morning Glory that had got stuck. Then, just as I was about to sit down to breakfast, along came a butterfly with a broken wing that I had to patch up. And then, right after breakfast I had to go around to the daisy patch and sew back a thousand petals that had been torn off the afternoon before by some children—who were playing 'She loves me—She loves me not.'"

"And then," Pixie O'Scowl continued, "I had to walk round and round a field looking for three young Sparrows that had fallen out of their nest, and sling them over my back and carry them one by one up the tree and back to their nest. By now I was good and tired, but did I get any rest?"



Pixie O'Scowl was sitting with his head in his hands.

"Did you?" asked Hanid. "No," did not," shouted Pixie O'Scowl. "Along came an absent-minded squirrel!"

"An absent-minded squirrel!" exclaimed Knarf.

Lost His Acorns

"The most absent-minded squirrel in the world," said Pixie O'Scowl. "He had forgotten where he had hidden his acorns. I had to go poking into every buttercup and daisy and dandelion; yes, and behind every thistle."

"And did you find them all?" Hanid wanted to know.

"All but one," replied Pixie O'Scowl. "But I'll look for that one ten or fifteen years from now, and I'll know just where to find it!"

"How?" exclaimed Knarf and Hanid astonished.

"When I see an oak tree growing in the middle of the field, I'll know that was the acorn that I never found."

"And are you going to rest now, Pixie O'Scowl?"

"Rest? I should say not. You see this pebble I'm sitting on? Do you know why I'm sitting on it?"

Knarf and Hanid said they didn't know.

"It's the chimney of a beetle's house. He lives right underneath. I'm sitting on it to keep it from rolling away!"

And as Knarf and Hanid walked off, they heard Pixie O'Scowl's voice still saying: "Work, work, work!"

Tips For Teener Speech Makers

BY JULIA W. WOLFE

It takes a lot of courage to make your first public speech, but after that it is easy.

Dozens of men and women dodge clubs and societies because they know—if they are members—they may be called upon and expected to "say a few words." To dodge anything is to acknowledge defeat, whereas to meet a situation is an important step toward success.

To prepare an address is simple, if done systematically. Here are some suggestions from a person who, by following them, won a high place in a national contest:

1. Jot down at random your personal opinions on the subject, for this prevents your talk from being stereotyped and gives it personality. Be sure to do this before you get impressions from other people or from reading matter.

2. Determine how long your speech should be.

3. Decide upon the general way in which you will express yourself—whether you will be formal (in which case you must omit slang and wisecracks), semi-humorous or brief and businesslike. Whatever style you choose try to present the most hopeful and constructive facts.

(Continued tomorrow)

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—47



With a sign of relief the Wise Old Goat opens the door of the fortress and takes Rupert inside. "It's lucky for us that the snow hasn't melted," he says. "I shouldn't like to have had to walk up from the forest. This was a wonderful journey," says the little bear. "I do hope I wasn't very heavy on your back." After giving him a good supper the Wise Old Goat puts one of the sun-bottles on a tray and, using it as a brilliant candle, takes Rupert upstairs and puts him to bed.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



EX-KING AND A YOUNG ADMIRER—Former King Michael of Rumania pauses during a sightseeing tour of New York to sign an autograph for four-year-old Sylvia Alvarez. Latest reports say the ex-King and Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma will be married shortly in Athens.



CASE OF THE MISSING SINGER—Maria Gatica, Hollywood night club singer, who disappeared for four days, told newsmen that she solved her problems while working as a housemaid. Torn by the dilemma of a career and an expected baby, Maria decided to forsake her career for the baby.



DISMANTLING OF A GIN STILL—Bathub gin gets a cleaning out as alcohol tax unit agents smash the equipment of an illegal still on a 40-acre truck farm outside Chicago. The barn housed a still that produced 400 gallons a day. The owner of the farm and one other man were arrested.



BATTLE PREPARATIONS—Two Haganah recruits hurl themselves upon a barbed-wire entanglement during infantry training near Tel-Aviv. After they cut the barbed-wire down with their bodies, their comrades use them for a bridge to rush through the gap.



HAPPY—That big smile Marilyn Monroe is wearing is because she was awarded a movie contract. A California product, Marilyn was formerly a model and magazine cover girl.



BIG JOB—Ladders are necessary when Johann K. Petursson is fitted for a new suit of clothes. He stands eight feet, eight inches tall, weighs 425 pounds and has a 60-inch chest. He is in New York to fill a circus engagement.

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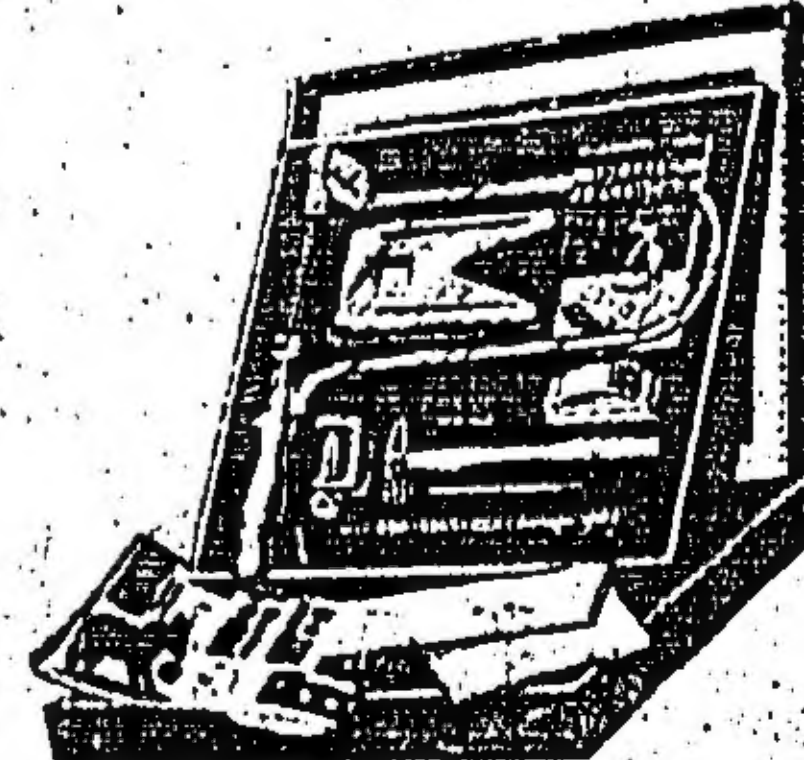
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PRIZE GLOVES—At the convention of glove-makers in Paris, these were two of the museum pieces displayed. Left: a young Hindu boy presents a pair of royal falconer's gloves made from buffalo hide. Right: Nicol Parent wears a glove that belonged to a famous Renaissance woman, Catherine de Medici. Made of suede, the glove is green in colour.

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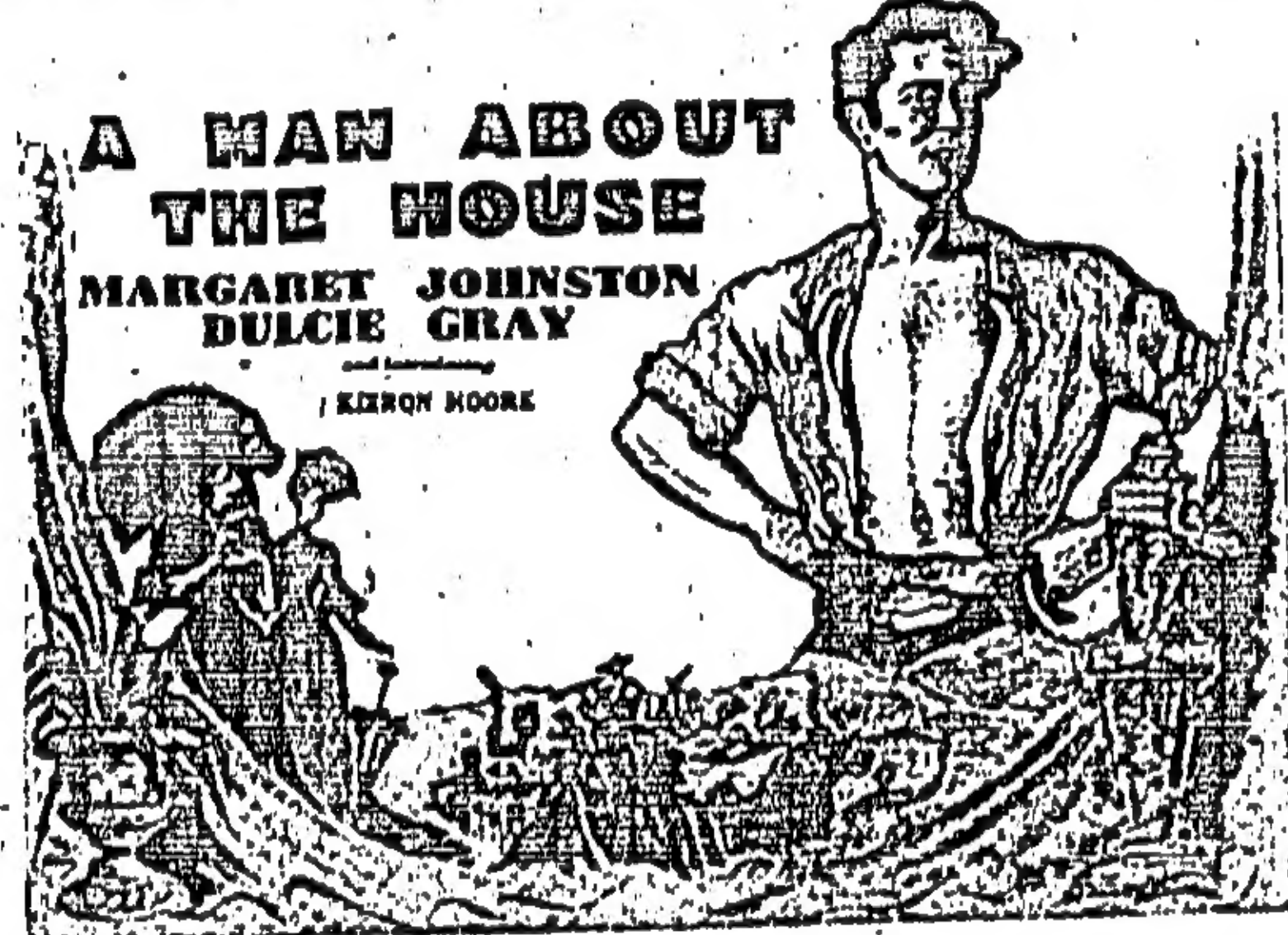
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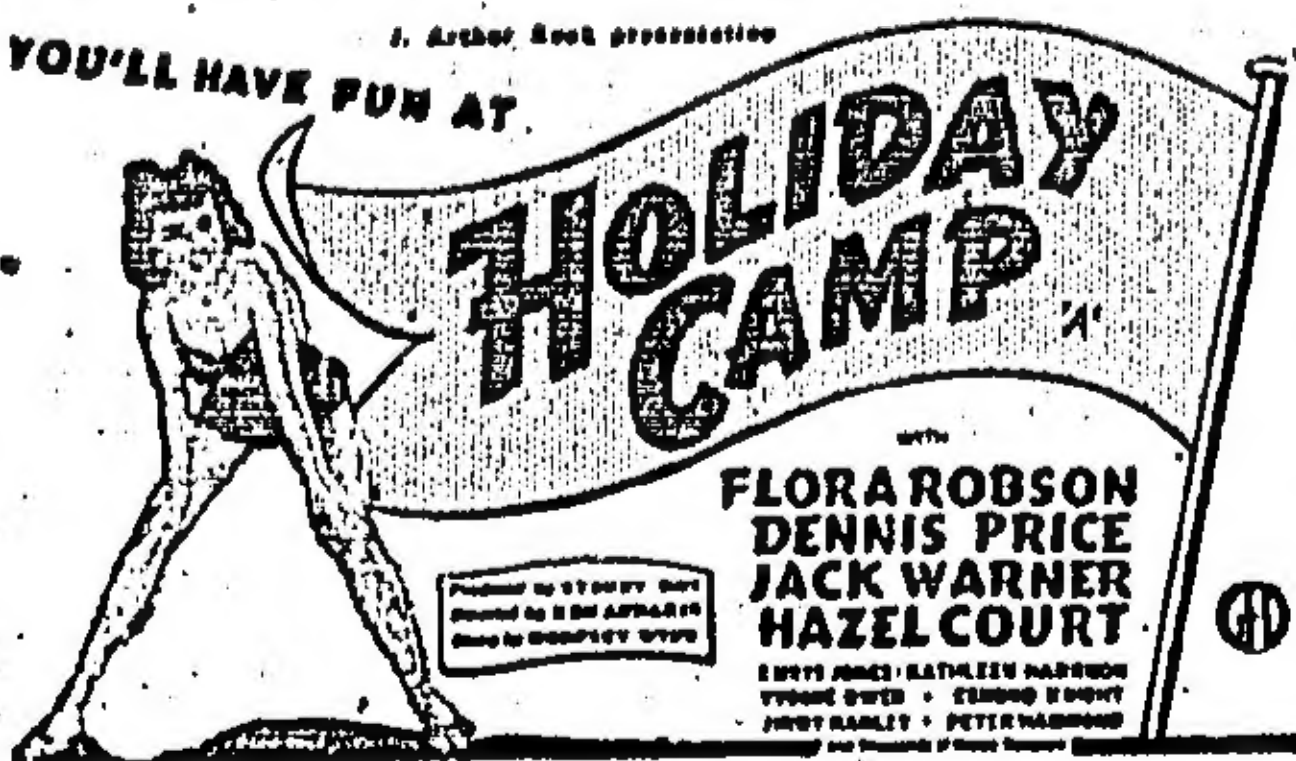
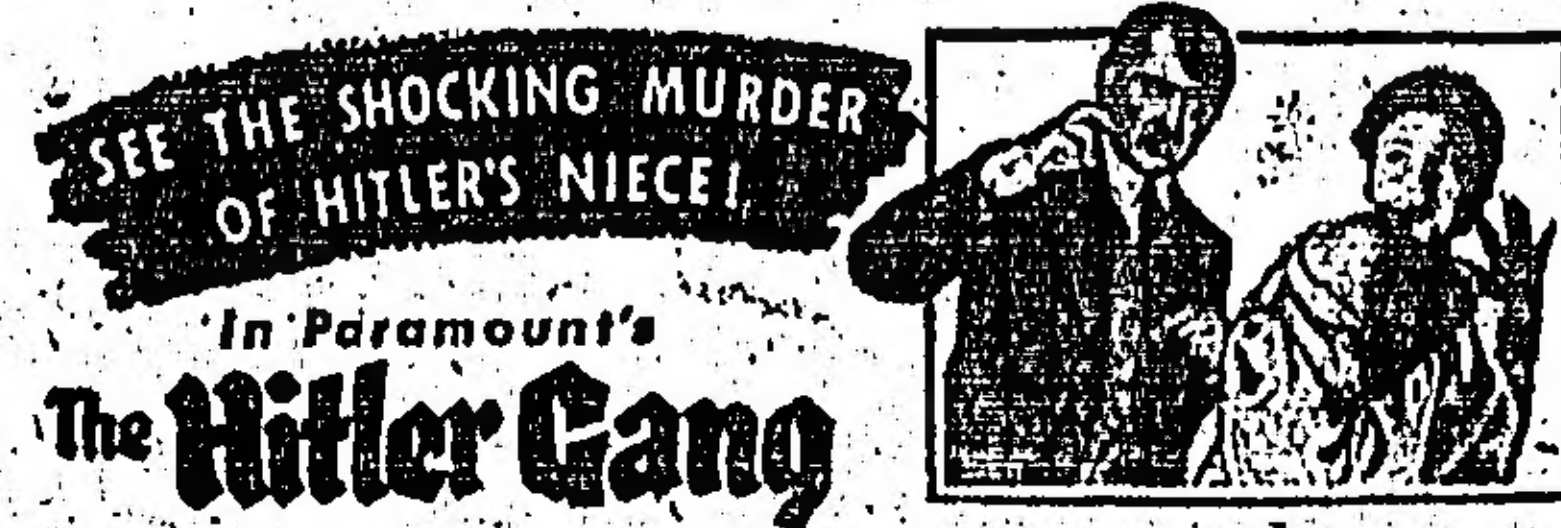
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CENTRAL
THEATRE

TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



COMMENCING THURSDAY, 27TH MAY

**ORIENTAL**COMMENCING TO-DAY: 2.30—5.15—7.30—9.30 P.M.
A STORY AS TRUE AS IT IS TERRIFYING! A PICTURE
YOU'LL HAVE TO SEE TO BELIEVE!"The music—the wine—and with you in my arms—I hardly
know what I am doing."

Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the
Fenceby NATHANIEL
GUBBINS

SO far the voice of that well-known Fleet-street quack, Dr Gubbins, has not been heard on the new health service to begin in July. He thought he would let the B.M.A. shout itself hoarse before he offered his opinion. After all, they are qualified, and he is only a quack, though he would remind them that all people with new ideas are considered quacks or cranks in their time.

Long after they are dead duller minds catch up on them and the ideas conceived by the quacks and cranks become orthodox.

Then new quacks and cranks are born, are enered at in their turn, and when they die the timid and unadventurous adopt their ideas. As with medicine, so with politics, art, literature. The world progresses through ignorance and prejudice to (one hopes) the final enlightenment.

Therefore, Dr Gubbins, with the large practice and the cheapest fees in the world (more than 2,000,000 patients at 2d. a week) offers the soundest advice ever proposed to a suffering world. He offers a new idea on health which may one day be universal.

To those who are wondering what to do about medical attention in July, he says do without it altogether.

Unless you are the victim of inherited disease, or unless you meet with an accident you don't need a doctor at any time.

All you need is some common sense and self-discipline.

First of all, don't worry about yourself. What is the secret of spiritual health?

Any bishop, who ought to know more about these matters than Dr G., will tell you (or ought to tell you) that the secret of spiritual health, and therefore happiness, is to forget yourself.

Stop asking yourself, "What is going to happen to poor me?" and nothing very unpleasant will happen to you.

But go on asking the question, not only muttering it to yourself, but to other people, and Dr Gubbins can prophesy something unpleasant that will happen to you.

You'll get a great thump on the nose from somebody who can't stand your whining any longer.

Forget that body

IT'S the same with your body. Forget your body. Surely it's ugly enough, isn't it? Hardly worth remembering, hardly worth worrying about all day and half the night?

If you don't believe your Doctor G., strip and have one good look at your body in a full-length mirror. Then try to forget it, if you can.

Consider for a moment how much time and trouble you have spent on that body you are trying to forget.

Most of your walking life has been wasted in washing it, clothing it, warming it, cooling it, feeding it, indulging it, and working so that you will have enough money to wash it, clothe it, warm it, cool it, feed it, and indulge it.

And if you are a man and marry another body you will have to work harder to wash, clothe, warm, cool, feed, and indulge the body you have married.

Do I have to tell you that if you have children you will have more bodies to wash, clothe, feed, and so on?

Perhaps not, but I think I ought to remind you that these bodies you are washing, clothing, feeding, and indulging will soon be worrying about themselves, soon be making themselves ill with worry, soon be worrying you about it, and soon be yelling for a doctor.

Unless they have broken their legs or they have caught some infectious disease (probably through their own fault), Dr Gubbins advises you to take no notice of them. They are probably suffering from nothing but self-pity.

You're a pig

THEN consider what you have done to this body since you grew up and had full control of it. How many times have you eaten too much, drunk too much?

Don't turn your head away in shame. Dr Gubbins is also guilty of self-indulgence, though he can honestly say he has rarely eaten too much. During the last eight or nine years he hasn't had a chance.

But what do you think is the cause of that indigestion you are always moaning about? Eating too much? Eating too little? Eating at the wrong times? Eating war-time bread? Monotonous diet?

No. It's worry. Worrying if you'll get enough to eat. Worrying if somebody else is getting more. Worrying if you're not getting your fair share. And, some of you, nibbling at the black market, worrying if you are.

In other words, you're a pig.

You're a stomach worshipper. You're an "I me." "I ought to have this." "What is going to happen to me?" "Me first, me second, and if there's anything left, me third." You're a "blast you, Jack, I'm all right," and I hope your indigestion gets worse and worse.

It certainly will, anyway. This is Dr Gubbins telling you.

Buy all the powders you like at the chemist's. Buy a stomach pump for all I care. You will certainly get relief. But you'll get no cure.

Cockney rhyming slang—salmon and trout—gout.

C.V.R. THOMPSON reports
the U.S. scene.

NEW YORK.

AMERICANS have got a warning from two quarters not to expect any bargain basement touring in Britain this year.

News magazine Time blamed the cost of living in Britain on the overvalued pound, and said that France is a better bet for the tourist wanting to save money.

The Wall Street Journal predicted that Britain might lose many dollar-spending tourists to France after they had spent just a day or two in Britain.

Reasons in addition to France being cheaper—Food is skimpy and dull. Yankee trippers will miss whopping helpings of butter, choice cuts of meat, bacon and eggs. A second helping is unheard of. Vegetables are monotonous, salads lack imagination, desserts are dreary. The hotel room with bath is a luxury.

And the Wall Street Journal also promises its British-minded readers an hotel problem. It says "British hotels are filled with the British."

BECAUSE America is in the middle of an election campaign and her father is a candidate, Margaret Truman will not sing any more until after polling day in November. She is afraid she would be accused of singing for votes.

COMPLETE TEXT of a speech delivered in Congress by Congressman Frank Matthews—Mr Speaker, I hope someone will save

this country from some of the people in it who are trying to save the world.

IT was not enough that Washington had to head off a rail strike, a coal strike, and a possible strike of atom bomb workers; they had also to head off a war.

Treasury boss John Snyder accepted a challenge from Government-hating Vivien Kellems, one of America's few women industrialists, over pay.

Miss Kellems sent Mr Snyder a note saying she was not going to act as an unpaid tax collector any longer, and that as far as she was concerned her workers would pay no more income tax.

Faced with a spreading revolt against the system, Snyder announced: We will use all our resources to deal with her.

THE FIRST British-made Ford to arrive in America to compete for dollars with American-made Fords. How they compete—the British model at £349 is the cheapest car, except Bentleys, in this country. The American model costs £375. The British model does 28 miles per gallon, the American 18. The British model is delivered in three weeks, the American in a year.

FASHION: New American makers of women's shoes are joining the New Look's backward march. Autumn styles will feature high-buttoned shoes, with buttons more decorative than useful.

But when loyalty is attached to a human being, the necessary idealisation is easier and pleasanter, perhaps especially when the heir to the throne is a pretty girl.

We have a few curmudgeons who think that loyalty is all humbug, just as there are some who say that patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. They are the kind of people whom one would like to see driven to their last refuge, with a kick in the pants.

QUEEN MARY IS 81 YEARS' OLD TODAY



1923: Honeymoon picture after the marriage on July 6.



1918: Queen Mary inspects a detachment of WAACs.



1928: With 12-year-old Princess Elizabeth.

The Royal tradition

by Dr. W. R. Inge

NEXT to the Papacy, the British monarchy is probably the most secure of all political institutions.

In other parts of the world hereditary sovereigns have had to pack up and go, there are hardly any of them left.

Queen Victoria's unpleasant old uncles gave the institution a shake. No tears were shed over the deaths of George IV or William IV. Queen Victoria herself was not very popular in the earlier part of her reign.

She was a power in the land, and determined to assert her constitutional rights, but in important matters of policy her Ministers often resisted her will.

Twice she intervened very wisely in foreign politics—once to prevent us from going to war with America in the sixties, and once to stop Germany from attacking France in 1875. In her later years, while power

slipped from her hands, her symbolic value increased enormously, and such affection and honour were lavished upon her as no British sovereign, not even Queen Elizabeth, had ever enjoyed.

She was raised above the controversies of politics, and became a sort of universal grandmother. To the British Dominions beyond the seas she embodied the Empire in its most acceptable form.

In India especially she was an object of reverence. How great the value of a living symbol of unity may be has been shown in the present year by the almost ecstatic welcome of South Africa to the Royal family.

When I was in Germany in 1911 I found that King Edward was looked upon as the boy man. He was supposed to be chiefly responsible for a sinister policy of encircling Germany with a ring of enemies.

The Kaiser, after his death complained that "King Edward, who is dead, has more power than I who am alive." This notion was of course absurd.

The only foundation for it was that the King disliked his nephew and liked the French. There is no doubt that his tact and geniality during a visit to Paris at a time when our country was intensely unpopular in France was of great value in cementing the Entente Cordiale.

King George V. will live in history as one of the best of our sovereigns. This was not his opinion of himself. "I am a very ordinary sort of fellow," he said once. A king who can say that is not an ordinary sort of king.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who was likely to be well informed, told me what happened at the crisis of 1931. The Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, came to the Palace about 11 p.m. He said to the King: "My party have forsaken me. Your Majesty had better send for Mr Baldwin." "No," said the King. "I don't want you to go. I want you to stay, as trustee for the poor. Come back tomorrow morning, and we will see what can be done. But now you are overwrought. Go to bed."

The Archbishop thought that this "Go to bed" ought to live in the history of the time.

Nothing has ever come to light to diminish the reverence and gratitude with which his subjects remember this King. Queen Mary, whose 81st birthday is today, must look back upon her long life with great thankfulness.

At the present time even footballers and cricketers must take a second place in popularity. The King and Queen and the young Princesses, snapped at every function which they attend, fill the newspapers and attract record crowds.

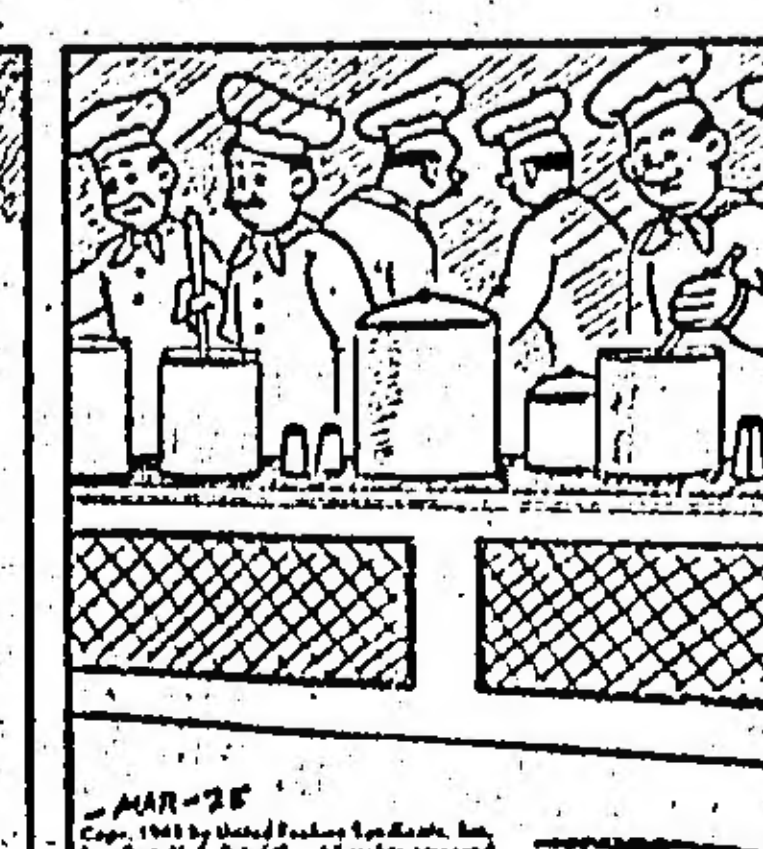
We are in the middle of a revolution, in which the words of the Magnificat about pulling down the mighty from their seats are being fulfilled more drastically than in the French Revolution. But the Royal family are not in the slightest danger of sharing the fate of Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette. The Crown is more popular than ever.

Loyalty is always symbolic. We do not really think that the National Anthem is a noble poem, or its tune good music. It is vastly inferior to the Marseillaise.

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NANCY Too Many Cooks



By Ernie Bushmiller

Wood Murder Trial

Accused's
Statements
Ruled As
Admissible

Certain statements alleged to have been made by accused were ruled as admissible by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Williams, following evidence adduced by the Prosecution and Defence, when the trial of three Chinese, charged with the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood on a path leading from Lion Rock to Shatin on the afternoon of February 11 continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Wood was found dead by his companion, George Ronald Ross, after they had both been attacked by a gang of four men while out for a hike in the Kowloon hills that day.

The accused are Lau Hoi (alias Lau Yun-hoi), 20, unemployed, Ho Cheuk-kui, 20, unemployed, and Li Chung-chun (alias Li Chik-sang), 32, gardener, employed at 377, The Peak.

A Special Jury, comprising leading businessmen, British and Chinese, is empanelled.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, is appearing for the defence.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector H. T. Matches.

Li Chung-chun, third accused, said he was arrested on March 6, 1948. Three days afterwards he made a statement to Inspector Matches. Det. Sgt. Tam Chung had taught him what to say in the statement. Accused alleged that if he did not make a statement according to what had been taught him to say by Tam, he (the detective) would show him "something very severe." Tam had written down on a piece of paper what he would be required to say to the inspector.

ALLEGED RELEASE PROMISE

Although he did not know first and second accused, Tam questioned him about them. Tam asked if the first accused had carried a revolver and if second accused did the searching. As he did not know them he could not answer. The detective then said that if he would repeat what had been written down for him to the inspector he (accused) would be released. He then made a statement to Inspector Matches.

In the statement he was to say that first accused was holding a gun and second accused made a search. He was also told to say he had that day boarded the No. 11 bus to Kowloon City.

It took him about 90 minutes to memorize what had been written down by Tam Chung. When he first protested, Tam beat him until he finally agreed, accused alleged. Accused said he was beaten near the pit of the abdomen and the back. A sergeant struck him on the ear. He had complained to Inspector Matches about this before the statement was made.

Mr. Wright: What did the Inspector say?

Accused: When I complained to the Inspector, he asked me, if Tam Chung beat me and I said "Yes." Then he told me to sit down to make my statement.

POLICE COURT EVIDENCE

Cross-examined, accused said he told the Magistrate in the lower Court that the statement was a false one. He had also informed the Magistrate that he had been beaten. Mr. Lonsdale then read accused's evidence as taken in the Police Court at the time he followed.

"I did make a statement. I received such instructions from Tam Chung to make it. The statement was read over to me. Inspector Matches was present. I was asked whether it was correct. If I did not make a statement I was frightened. Tam Chung said he would only let me go if I made a statement. Only Inspector Matches and the interpreter and I were present in the room when I made the statement. I made the statement and then I told the Inspector it was untrue. The interpreter was there and I told him, and then I signed it."

Accused told Mr. Lonsdale that when he refused to sign the statement, Tam Chung took him out of the room where he was beaten again. He was assaulted for about 15 minutes. He said that when he was formally charged with the robbery he had stated he had been assaulted. A Chief Inspector was present then.

Accused agreed that he made the statement because he was afraid he would be assaulted.

About half an hour after he had memorized the story he was to tell the Inspector, he was taken before Insp. Matches, accused said. Tam Chung said after the statement had been made nothing would happen to him (accused).

RECITING A LESSON

Mr. Lonsdale: It is just coincidence, then, that Tam Chung taught you answers to 13 questions which the Inspector put to you about this affair?

Accused: He taught me to say what I was to say just like a teacher teaching a schoolboy to recite a lesson.

Did you recite the lesson just like a schoolboy would?—Yes.

How does it come about that you knew the answers to the 13 questions?—I told the Inspector the whole story, before the Inspector put questions to me.

I put it to you that you were neither beaten nor were you intimidated by words?—That's not so.

I put it to you the reason you made the statement was because you had been told the story you had given previously had been proved to be untrue?—No.

Mr. Lonsdale: submitted that the evidence of the three accused, was patently a tissue of lies.

PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY

Trial Recalls City
Gun BattleYOUNG CHINESE ON CHARGE OF
ATTEMPTED MURDER

A thrilling gun battle in the Western District in the early afternoon of February 4 last between a gang of alleged robbers and a party of Police was recalled before Mr. Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when a young man, Pang Hung, 19, unemployed, stood his trial.

Pang, a lightly-built man, scarcely over five feet in height, dressed in a white open-neck shirt and white duck trousers, is charged with the attempted murder of Detective C742, Chan Wing, attempting to shoot at Chan with intent to resist arrest, and with conspiracy, together with others not in custody, to rob.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ appearing for the defence, pleaded not guilty to the three counts. He entered a plea of guilty to a further charge of possession of arms and ammunition.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector G. E. Willerton, prosecuted. The Jury comprised four men and three women.

Four revolvers, together with numerous rounds of ammunition and other paraphernalia, lay on the Court table as exhibits.

THIRD STREET CHASE

Acting on certain information received, Det. Sub-Inspector Lam Yung-hon and a party of six detectives went to the junction of Third Street and Western Street about 2.45 p.m. on February 4, said Mr. Reynolds. Leading the party was Detective Chan Wing and an informant. Reaching the street junction, the informant pointed out a person wearing a black hat and black clothing.

Seeing the Police party, began to run. Chan and the other detectives chased him along Third Street towards Centre Street, and at the junction of Centre Street, the man in black turned and ran up Yu Lok Lane.

Chan followed closed behind, and at the top of said lane leading to the Lane saw the accused and another man (since dead) leaning against a wall. The man in black shouted a warning to them, and the accused and his companion were seen to put their hands in their jackets. Accused then produced out a revolver and fired two shots at Detective Chan Wing, who immediately returned the fire and wounded that man and the accused, both of whom fell to the ground.

HIT IN ARM

Chan continued his pursuit of the man in black, leaving his fellow-detectives to deal with the accused and his companion. One of these detectives, Ip Sum, saw these two men lying in a pool of blood. The accused was then holding a revolver in his right hand, with his finger on the trigger, and pointing the gun at Chan's back. Ip Sum immediately fired at him, and struck him on the right arm, causing him to drop the revolver.

Ip picked up the gun and assisted Inspector Lam in searching the accused. In a jacket pocket was found 18 rounds of ammunition in a handkerchief. The accused was cautioned, and he admitted the revolver and ammunition were his. He also made some boastful remarks to the crowd which had by that time collected around the group.

Mr. Wright submitted he was satisfied there had been intimidation, especially so in the case of the first accused who had marks on the inside of the two fingers of his right hand. The doctor called by the Crown had said in his opinion these marks would have been caused in a manner which first accused had said in his evidence. As regards the scars there was nothing in their appearance which would tend to show that what the witness said was untrue. The appearance of the scars was quite consistent with these injuries having occurred that morning as first accused had said. There was this additional fact: when first accused was in the presence of Inspector Matches and Tam Chung he made his complaint. He also made a complaint about the pencil torture to the doctor. There was independent corroborative evidence in support of his allegations, and Mr. Wright submitted there was sufficient evidence to criticise his Lordship to reject his first statement.

Ruling the admissibility of accused's statements, Mr. Justice Williams said he was satisfied that they were made voluntarily and that no threat or promise had been held out to them at the time.

The original statements of the three accused were then read out to the Court by the Crown Counsel. The trial is proceeding.

Later, in the lane where the accused and his companion had been standing, Ip found some wire.

The accused was sent to Queen Mary Hospital for examination and treatment, and at 9.45 p.m. that day, he was visited by Inspector Willerton who told him he would be charged with the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition. The accused at the time made a statement which was recorded by the Inspector and would be produced in evidence. He was discharged from Hospital on February 9, when he was formally charged with the offences alleged against him.

LOADED REVOLVER

Dr. George Choa, of Queen Mary Hospital, said he found two bleeding wounds, one in the right forearm and the other in the right calf muscle, when he examined Pang about 4.30 p.m. on February 4.

The Police Armourer, Sub-Inspector F. Penfold, testified to examining a revolver which he found loaded in six chambers and which bore evidence of having been fired recently.

Cross-examined, Inspector Penfold agreed that the rounds in the revolver had not been fired, nor had they been struck.

Detective Chan Wing, after corroborating the Crown's opening and adding that the Police party were proceeding to No. 13 Western Street, demonstrated, during cross-examination, the manner in which the accused and the informant in which the latter was standing at the time.

The Jury were also shown the wound marks on the accused's arm and leg.

The trial is proceeding.

**Annihilation
Of Defenders**

(Continued from Page 1)

"It is almost incredible that Jerusalem should be invaded by Arab hordes under Christian leadership," he declared in indirect criticism of the British.

REQUEST TO FRANCE

From London comes a dispatch that Britain had asked the French Government whether she considered the five Western Union powers should act together on Palestine, according to a Foreign Office spokesman tonight.

The spokesman confirmed also that Britain had asked the French Government to refrain from taking any initiative in the Palestine question while the "present negotiations" are in progress.

The spokesman refused to state whether that included an appeal to France not to recognise the Jewish State of Israel for the present. In political quarters in London it is believed that Britain did make such a request.

Washington, meanwhile, reports that the United States Government protested about the establishment of a marine blockade off the Palestine coast in strong notes to the Egyptian and Syrian Governments.

INVALID BLOCKADE

A State Department spokesman said the United States Ambassador in Egypt and the Charge d'Affaires in Syria had been instructed by telegram to lodge the protests with the two Governments, but that no replies had yet been received.

The diplomatic missions in both countries were instructed to state "that the United States Government cannot recognise the blockade as valid."

A delayed report from Jerusalem, in the meantime, states that the American Consul General in Palestine, Thomas Watson, and his communications officer, Chief Radio Engineer Herbert Walker, of Dallas, Texas, were buried yesterday with a simple ceremony in the Franciscan Convent of Santa Maria.

They were laid to rest only a few yards from where they were struck down and mortally wounded on Saturday by snipers' bullets. Reuter.

Wife Kneels In
Court To Plead
For Husband

In spite of his wife kneeling before the Court and pleading for mercy, Fung Yat-cheung, 32, travelling trader, was sentenced to nine months and recommended for banishment by Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning for larceny of \$2,200 at the San Kwong Restaurant, 317 Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

Wong Pak, seaman, said he was sitting back to back with defendant at the restaurant. They both had their coats over the back of their chairs. He kept his eye on his coat because he had a large sum of money in an inner pocket. While having his meal, he felt his pocket and discovered the money gone. Defendant told him that a shoe-shine boy had taken the money and had run downstairs with it. He went downstairs but could not see shoe shine boy around. He became suspicious of defendant and challenged him. Defendant said he did not have the money but on being searched, it was found in his hip pocket.

Defendant said he picked the money up from under the table and intended to take it to the Police Station when he had finished his tea. He did not tell defendant that a shoe-shine boy had taken it. On being challenged, he produced the money at once. Complainant had over ten men with him and they assaulted him. He had a wallet containing \$70 and that was also taken from him by the men.

In sentencing defendant, Mr. d'Almada remarked that there were too many larceny cases in restaurants.

**Portuguese
Sent To Gaol**

Described by Inspector Brownrigg at Central to be a bad lot who were on his acquaintances, Jack Morales, a 21-year-old Portuguese, was this morning sentenced by Mr. Hin-shing Lo to three months for theft of a wireless set belonging to Mr. E. D. A. da Rosa.

Inspector Brownrigg said Morales took the radio (valued at \$400) from 30, Village Road on May 22 during Mr. da Rosa's absence. He had no permission to do so but he told seven-year-old Yee and Li Kiu that his father had instructed him to take the radio for repairs. Morales was arrested three days later outside 173, King's Road. The radio was found under the staircase of that address.

**Stole Sailor's
Shoes**

Two youths, Chu Yu-hau, 20, and Chan Chi-so, who admitted taking the shoes off a sailor during his "blackout," were this morning both recommended for banishment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central. Chu was additionally sentenced to a month and Chan who had previous convictions and had been expelled, was given two months and six weeks.

Evidence was that AB Daniel Leed of HMS Hart, felt dizzy and sick last Sunday so he sat down to rest on some vacant ground in Hennessy Road. Almost immediately he had a blackout and when he came to, he found his black leather shoes, US\$20 and £3 gone.

Detectives Pang Yee and Li Kiu traced the two accused and recovered the shoes but not the money.

In Court both accused denied taking the money. They said they took only the shoes.

Good Year
For Macao
Electric

At the thirty-third ordinary annual general meeting of the Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., held in the board room of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews this morning, the Chairman, Mr. F. J. Gellion, reported that business during the year under review had increased over 1946, and that there were good prospects for a large industrial power load being obtained in the future, to cope with which additional plant would be arranged for.

The Chairman said: "You will note that your Directors recommend that the following appropriations should be made:—

To pay a dividend of \$2 per share on 140,438 shares, \$280,876; To pay to the Government of Macao 5 per cent on the amount distributed as dividend in terms of Clause 15 of the Extension Contract, \$14,043.80; To transfer to General Reserve, \$250,000; To carry forward unappropriated, \$100,711.40. Total, \$655,231.20.

These recommendations have been incorporated in the accounts as presented.

The business during the year under review increased over 1946, and I am pleased to say that there are good prospects for a large industrial power load being obtained in the future, to cope with which additional plant will be arranged for.

The generating plant is in excellent shape and some further low tension overhead mains have been put underground during the year and the work will continue until completed.

WAR LOSSES

The question of war period losses is still under way and I regret I cannot give any further details at the moment, but assure you that your Directors are doing everything possible to have this matter settled with the Macao authorities.

Our share register was destroyed in Hongkong during the war, but, fortunately, a duplicate was kept in Macao, and to check this, we have requested the shareholders either to notify the Secretaries or the Company the numbers of shares they are holding, also the numbers of the certificates. To enable a final checking of the share register, it has been decided that, until we have heard from shareholders, the mailing of their dividend cheques will be withheld.

I now formally propose the adoption of the accounts ending November 3, 1947.

This was seconded by Mr. H. C. Margrett, and carried unanimously. The Chairman then proposed the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews; this was seconded by Mr. T. B. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Mr. N. G. Beale, proposed the re-election of Mr. K. P. Fletcher, as Director. This was seconded by Mr. J. B. Clague and carried unanimously.

Among those present were Messrs. F. J. Gellion (Chairman), N. G. Beale, (Director), D. B. Evans, (representing the Secretaries), and the following shareholders: Messrs. H. C. Margrett, T. B. Wilson, N. V. A. Croucher and J. B. Clague.

**PRISON FOR
HOUSEBREAKER**

Sentence of 18 months was imposed on Chan Yau, 30, coolie, by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning, for housebreaking at an unnumbered hut in Ivy Street, Talkokisui, on Monday.

Defendant was caught when the inmates of the hut returned to the premises after work and defendant was seen carrying off three pieces of bed boards from the hut after breaking the lock at the front door.

Defendant was recommended for banishment.

**New Territories
Arrest**

New Territories Police arrested a man on Monday at Unlong Creek, the locality of many robberies on junks, who had in his possession a rifle and ammunition. The same man is suspected of being connected with the armed robbery on April 3 when a Portuguese was robbed of his shot gun and ammunition while hunting in the New Territories.

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MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Roberts of Shanghai, who announce the marriage of their daughter, Gloria Claire, to Henry James, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. O'Brien, of Shanghai, on Thursday, May 27, 1948. A reception will be held at 93 Robinson Road from 4.30 to 7.30 p.m. No invitation will be sent, but all relatives and friends are cordially invited.

**PRESS
PHOTOGRAPHS**

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Telegraph Staff Photographers are on view in the

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NOTICE

HONG KONG SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

On and after June 1st, 1948 the two Casework Centres formerly at the back of the Old City Hall and in the Sanitary Department's building at Morrison Street will be found at the NEW SOCIAL WELFARE BUILDING IN HOSPITAL ROAD (behind St. Ying-Pun Hospital).

ENGLAND'S TEST TRIAL TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Barnett And Young The Only Newcomers

London, May 25.—The teams for the Test trial match at Birmingham beginning June 2 were announced today as follows:

The England team is built around men who went to Australia in 1946-47. Nine of them are given places under the captaincy of Norman Yardley. Barnett, who only today found his true form, and Young, the left arm slow bowler, complete the team.

Broderick, the Northants slow left arm bowler, is the youngest player, at 27, on either side.

The teams are:

ENGLAND
N. W. D. Yardley (Yorkshire) (Captain)
W. J. Edrich (Sussex)
C. J. Barnett (Glos)
J. Hardstaff (Nottingham)
L. Hutton (Yorkshire)
C. Washbrook (Lancashire)
D. G. Compton (Sussex)
A. Bedser (Surrey)
T. Evans (Kent)
D. V. P. Wright (Kent)
J. A. Young (Sussex)

THE REST
F. R. Brown (Surrey) (Captain)
S. C. Griffiths (Sussex)
K. Cranston (Lancashire)
C. Palmer (Worcestershire)
L. Fishlock (Surrey)
A. Fagg (Kent)
W. H. Copson (Derbyshire)
H. J. Butler (Nottingham)
J. D. Robertson (Sussex)
G. M. Emmett (Glos)
V. Broderick (Northants) (Reuter)

COUNTY CRICKET

London, May 25.—Worcestershire registered their first County championship win of the season at Worcester today, thanks to Howarth and Jenkins, whose leg spinners brought about a collapse in Surrey's second innings.

Cambridge University made Middlesex follow on 240 runs behind at Fenny Stratford, but big partnerships for the first and second wickets dispelled all hopes of the University forcing a win over the County leaders.

A hurricane innings by Charlie Barnett paved the way for a glorious Gloucestershire triumph at Bristol against Yorkshire. Set to get 380 to win at an average of 80 runs an hour, Gloucestershire won easily with 42 minutes to spare. Powerful driving brought Barnett a six and 18 fours.

THE SCORES

The results of games which ended today were:
At Manchester: Lancashire drew with Hampshire, Lancashire 451 for 8 declared; Hampshire 271 and 51 for 6. (Arnold 55, Hill 68 not out, Bailey 50, Cager 67).

FINALIST



KCC's W. Gillies who will partner S. Saul in the Junior Doubles Badminton Final.

BASEBALL

Detroit Pitchers Give 22 Hits

New York, May 25.—In the American League, New York, shelling four Detroit pitchers for 22 hits in their biggest scoring spurge of the season, plastered the Tigers 16-5 without benefit of a single home run.

Every Yankee, but outfielder Joe DiMaggio and third baseman Will Johnson, got at least two hits. Seven hits were doubles. It was Vic Raschi's fourth victory of the season.

The score was:

	R	H	E
New York	16	22	1
Detroit	5	12	3

(Winning pitcher: Vic Raschi)

ON DISABLED LIST

New York, May 25.—Brooklyn Dodgers announced today that veteran relief pitcher Hugh Casey had been placed on the disabled list for 60 days, leaving the club with only seven pitchers.

Casey fell down a flight of stairs at home on Sunday and suffered a sprained back.—United Press.

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Surrey by 8 wickets. Worcestershire 353 for 9 declared and 60 for 2 (Copper 53 not out); Surrey 185 and 244 (Fishlock 63, Squires 59).

At Hove: Leicestershire beat Sussex by 8 wickets. Sussex 237 and 68 (Walsh 7 for 27); Leicestershire 252 and 82 for one.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University drew with Middlesex. Cambridge 303 for 8 declared; Middlesex 153 (Brown 60 not out, Urrahart 4 for 21) and 254 for 2 (Brown 63, Sharp 81, McIntosh 70 not out).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Yorkshire by 6 wickets. Yorkshire 312 for 7 declared and 247 for 8 declared (Lester 110, Wilson 57, Goddard 5 for 80); Gloucestershire 171 and 392 for 4 (Barnett 141, Emmett 91, Crapp 68 not out).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Essex by two wickets. Essex 228 and 174; Warwickshire 149 and 235 for 6.—Reuter.

BADMINTON

LAST NIGHT'S SEMI-FINALS

Last night's games at the Club de Recreo in the Badminton Championship semi-finals went very much to form though the Low and Vannar v. Tay and Hui encounter was decided on the best of three games.

The University pair were much the better combination and led 11-5 in the first game when Tay and Hui staged a surprise rally to take 10 points in a row.

The second game was close enough, though Low and Vannar kept the lead all through. They were only two points ahead at 12-10 but took three in a row for the game.

The third game saw the University players at their best running through easily to win at 15-5.

T. S. Young and W. F. Foo proved no match for Patrick Wong and C. Au and lost at 6-15, 5-15.

MIXED DOUBLES

The Mixed Doubles semi-final was also a one-sided affair that saw Robert Tay just a few minutes after a gruelling three-game struggle in the senior doubles semi-final, partner Miss Wilkie Cheung to an easy 15-6, 15-4 victory against Patrick Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro.

University's Low Kent Soo meets Robert Tay of Sing Tao at the Club de Recreo at 9 o'clock to-night in the postponed Senior Singles semi-final. There will be no admission charge.

"Suggsy" Will Not Turn Pro

Pinehurst, N. C. National amateur golf champion Louise Suggs says she is "definitely not interested" in turning professional at this time.

The affable Athlone, feminine golfer's counterpart of Hogan, admits there have been offers. Despite her determination to stay in the amateur ranks, however, she has definite opinions on women's professional golf.

She made them known while competing here in the 46th annual North and South women's tournament. She thinks that with proper organization, women's professional golf could be made a paying proposition.

HAS APPEAL

"For one thing," she explained, "women's golf has gallery appeal. Women just can't compete with men when it comes to power off the tee. Therefore, the pay-off is on finesse in the shorter game and on the greens. That can and does furnish the crowds with as much interest and excitement as the longer power game of the men."

"With proper supervision and an adequate series of tournaments, professional women's golf could make a go of it. However, there would have to be a definite series of tournaments and not a hit or miss arrangement."

The long-hitting successor to Babe Didrikson Zaharias is No. 1 amateur in the nation has been playing pressure golf since 1941.

"Suggsy" is the daughter of a Carrollton, Ga., golf professional but she says her dad unduly influenced her to concentrate on golf.

PROMOTION WORKER

She is a promotion worker for an Atlanta Oil Company, where she started work seven years ago as a clerk. She has a four-state territory which she covers in connection with her tournament trips.

ELMER RIDDLE'S ARM PAYS OFF



Elmer Riddle shows his new boss, Bing Crosby, that his once ailing arm is okay again. He pitched a two-hitter for the Pittsburgh Pirates to blank the Chicago Cubs, 3 to 0 at Pittsburgh. Slugger Ralph Kiner (first on left) got his first 1948 homer and Wally Westlake (extreme right) hit three out of four.—AP Wirephoto.

American Basketball Stars No Tower Of Terror To Europeans

The United States is favoured to win the Olympic basketball championship, but seven-foot Bob Kurland and his American teammates are no towers of terror to Europe.

Continental entries among the 27 nations in the cage tournament, at the Olympic Games here July 29 to August 14 are gearing themselves to give the Americans a battle for the title they won at Berlin in 1936.

"No doubt America will win," said William Browning of London, an authority on basketball ever here, "but it won't be a walkover. Europe takes its basketball very seriously. It's in all the schools, and village teams play each other, mostly outdoors."

BELGIUM FAST

"Belgium is very fast indeed," Browning said. "Most European

countries entered have picked their players and they are training hard. I predict they are going to make the Americans take notice of the fact that basketball in Europe has gone up a long way since the United States won at Berlin in 1936."

Russia, which has the best team in Europe, won't be here—unless it takes a last-minute entry. The Soviets, who have a reputation for

being Johnny-come-lately, bagged the European championship last year at Prague, the first time they entered.

They won six straight games, scoring an average of 51 points to 28 for their opposition. In the final they drubbed Czechoslovakia, 1946 European champion, 66-37.

The list of nations which have entered basketball includes:

Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Britain, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Philippines, Rumania, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay, United States, and Yugoslavia.

MAY BE MORE

There may be one or two more since a handful of countries invited to the Olympics have not yet replied. "Already there are five more than competed at Berlin, and basketball was placed on the Olympic programme as an international sport for the first time."

Lou Wilke, chairman of the United States Olympic basketball committee, predicted recently that Canada, Argentina, and Czechoslovakia would provide the most competition for the Americans in London. Canada was runner-up to the United States in 1936, with Mexico third and Poland fourth.

Only one court will be used in London's Harringay Arena and games will go on from morning to night, July 30 to August 13.

The game lasted 4 hours and 45 minutes and went to 53 moves. Karpovich had to produce his best defensive play to avert defeat in what could have been the biggest upset of the season.

R. W. Carter, whose game is rapidly improving, kept the pressure on Karpovich through a long Slav Defence to the QGD and had a superior position despite being a pawn down when he slipped up badly with an elementary error that lost the game. It was the second time in two weeks that he had lost the same way.

In other games, D. E. de Carvalho beat J. V. Tausz, V. V. Kolotichoff beat Jacob Ramler and Karel Weiss beat A. Archangelsky.

The latest standings are:

COLONY TOURNEY

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
K. M. A. Barnett	5	2	2	1	3
L. Schure	5	1	3	1	2 1/2
J. P. de Carvalho	5	1	3	1	2 1/2
F. X. Sequerra	5	1	3	1	2 1/2
Ray Danenberg	5	1	3	1	2 1/2
P. K. Prokopov	5	1	3	1	2 1/2

RESERVE TOURNEY

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
D. E. de Carvalho	3	3	0	0	3
L. Karpovich	4	3	0	1	3
Jacob Ramler	4	3	0	1	3
A. Birdukoff	2	2	0	2	2
Karel Weiss	3	2	0	1	2
R. W. Carter	4	2	0	2	2
J. V. Tausz	4	2	0	2	2
A. Archangelsky	4	2	0	2	2
V. N. Douneff	3	1	0	2	1
Arthur Gomes	4	1	0	3	1
V. V. Kolotichoff	4	1	0	3	1
S. Shave	3	0	0	3	0
R. Segalen	4	0	0	4	0

Carvalho and Ramler have each taken a point on walk-overs and Douneff has taken two. Shave and Segalen have each conceded two points on walk-overs.

Hogan first won in 1945.—Associated Press.

GOLF

HOGAN WINS

Saint Louis, May 25.—Ben Hogan won his second United States Professional Golfers' Association tournament title today in beating Mike Turnesa seven and six in the 36-hole final.

Hogan first won in 1945.—Associated Press.

OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE MEET SHOWS UP OLYMPIC HOPES

First view of Britain's track and field athletes in this important Olympic year came when Oxford defeated Cambridge so overwhelmingly in the recent inter-varsity sports. The 83-43 gave Oxford the biggest marginal win since the present scoring system was introduced ten years ago. It also gave British fans a reassurance that the two senior universities will continue to be a fruitful source of Olympic talent.

Outstanding British Olympic prospect was John Wilkinson, a 19-year-old Oxford undergraduate who, last summer in Paris, won the world students' 100 and 200 metres championships. During the winter Wilkinson forsook his normal pastime of Rugby football, at which he is also outstanding, and received special training from the English Amateur Athletic Association's coach, George Pallett.

The result is a vastly improved Wilkinson with his ragged, jerky action gone and a stylish, well-balanced rhythm, replacing it. He now maintains perfect leg-drive from start to finish and Mr Jack Crump, Britain's team manager, is so pleased that he confidently predicts Wilkinson as one of the six Olympic finalists.

COMPARE FAVOURABLY

In the inter-varsity sports Wilkinson's times were 10.1 sec. for the 100 yards and 22.5 sec. for the 400 yards. These may not sound impressive to students of Olympic form and they do not compare favourably with the best American performances but they are exceptionally good when taking into account that in each case Wilkinson had an easy winning margin and that conditions at the White City, London, on a chilly March afternoon are not conducive to fast times.

Another athlete who impressed was Roger Bannister, a miller with a long, raking but easy stride who won as he pleased in 4 min. 23.4 sec. This is not a great deal outside the times turned in by Jack Lovelock in his wins during the years 1932-34.

Bannister was the surprise of last year's inter-varsity meet when he won the mile in 4 min. 30.8 sec. He was later invited to join Britain's Olympic "possibles", but declined because he feels that at 10 years of age he is too young for top-grade international competition. The Olympics at Helsinki, Finland, in 1952 are his objective.

Douglas Steel, of Oxford, who has been coached by Mr E. J. Holt in his off-duty hours from directing the organisation of the Olympic Games, showed up well in his first year among the seniors and won the 880 yards in 1 min. 59.4 sec. while Raymond Barkway would have added the 220 yards low hurdles race to his 120 yards high hurdle when leading by at least eight yards. Barkway's time for the 120 yards high event was 15.6 sec. and the low was won in 26.8 sec. by C. Breerton, of Cambridge.

BUSY ATHLETE

Busiest athlete of the day was Ivar Vind, the Danish President of Cambridge. He high-jumped, collected his toes, took his turn in the pole vault, went back again to clear the next height in the high jump; and then returned to pole vault. After he had won both he proceeded to the discus ring and won that event.

His three victories earned more than a third of Cambridge's total score, but perhaps Vind's greatest distinction was clearing 6 ft. 3 in. in the high jump thereby breaking an inter-varsity record that had stood for 72 years. Vind's winning effort in the pole vault was 10 ft. 6 in. and in the discus throw, 131 ft. 11 1/2 in.

Next busiest athlete was the Oxford President, Peter Wallis. A South African from Rhodes University, Grahamstown, Wallis rates the second best quarter miler in Britain today and therefore he had a little difficulty in winning the 440 yards race with a time of 49.9 sec. Previously he turned out in the furlong and had an advantage of 12 yards over the nearest Cambridge man when finishing 2 1/2 yards behind Wilkinson.

Wallis, by the way, is likely to be invited to join the South African team coming to London for the Olympic Games but says he will have to decline. He takes his final examinations at Oxford in July and cannot spare the time for athletic training.

Three other overseas athletes on the Oxford team, in addition to

TENNIS

LAST FOURS IN PARIS TOURNAMENT

Include Drobny And Sturgess

Paris, May 25.—Czechoslovakia's Jaroslav Drobny, South Africa's Eric Sturgess and two Americans—Frankie Parker and Budge Patty—beat their opponents in quarter-final encounters today to earn the right to enter the semi-finals of the French international tennis championship.

Drobny, who will meet Patty in the semi-finals, beat Lennart Bergelin, of Sweden, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

Bergelin was unable to tame the Czech ace's cannonball service in the first two sets, but should have won the third set in which he led 2-2, and later, 4-3. But Drobny's forcing play was too much for the Swedish champion and he was unable to win the vital ninth game on his own service at 4-4.

Drobny gave adequate proof in this match that he is still one of the leading singles players in Europe. Frankie Parker, who is seeded No. 1, reached the semi-finals by defeating Gianni Cuccelli, of Italy, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

He will meet the South African champion, Eric Sturgess, in the semi-final event, Eric Sturgess, who beat France's No. 1 entry, Marcel Bernard, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

In the women's singles play-off, all worked out according to plan for the four top-seeded players, who won through to the semi-finals.

Madame Nelly Landry, of France, beat Miss Ann Prentiss, of America, 6-4 and 6-3, thus earning the right to meet Mrs. Pat Todd, present holder of the championship, who beat Italy's Madame A. Bossi on a forfeit. Madame Bossi was forced to scratch because of illness.

The other player to enter the semi-finals is Miss Doris Hart, American, who defeated her compatriot Miss Helen Rihanyi, 6-3, 6-3.

Miss Hart will meet Miss Shirley Fry, also an American, in the semi-finals. Miss Fry beat Madame H. Weiss, of Argentina, 6-3, 7-5.

In the mixed doubles play-off, Yugoslavia's D. Mitic and America's Miss A. Prentiss hurdled the third round by defeating India's Subh Shawayne and Mrs. A. D. McKelvie, of Britain, by 7-5, 6-1.—Reuter.

INDIAN THROUGH

London, May 25.—K. B. Madan of India entered the third round of the men's singles in the Surrey grass courts championships at Surbiton today when he beat Bobby Thom, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.—Reuter.

Malaya For Athletic Meet

By RALPH MODDER

In less than ten months from now, athletes and sportsmen in the Federation of Malaya and Singapore will have an excellent opportunity of placing this country on the sports map of the world, when the Amateur Athletic Federation of India holds its Asian Athletic meet in New Delhi next February.

This is perhaps what our athletes and sportsmen have been waiting for—some really big sports event in this part of the world at which they can show what Malaya can do.

It has been in the minds of some of our more progressive sporting officials to hold a similar meet in Singapore or in the Federation next year, though the prospect of a suitable stadium was as remote as the chance of there being sufficient finance to organise such a meet. However, India has taken the lead—and a lead off our shoulders.

EARLY YET

It may be a little early to think of our prospects in India next year, but it is a fact that Malaya has plenty of talent to be developed, and we must start organising now. Sufficient time must be given for the training of our representatives and the planning of a Malaya

Singapore A.A.A. meet to be combined with inter-state tournaments for football, hockey, boxing, weightlifting, badminton, swimming and tennis.

Another problem will be the question of finance. We have seen the difficulty which the Malayan Chinese met with in sending their contingent to the China National Games and also the task the Singapore Olympic and Sports Council is having at present in raising sufficient funds to send its representatives, whoever they may be, to the World Olympics.

We shall perhaps have only one representative from Singapore to the World Olympics in London—Singapore's high jump champion, Lloyd Valberg; but it is a start.

The next best thing, apart from the training of our representatives and the planning of a Malaya

IMPORTANT STERLING TRENDS DEVELOPING London Discussions Arranged

London, May 25.—With Indian and Pakistan delegates on their way here this week to negotiate a longer-term (though still not final) arrangement on their sterling balances, some important new trends are developing in both official and unofficial attitudes toward the sterling area.

These are affected by attitudes in Washington as to the conditions, if any regarding sterling and the sterling area that should be laid down in the bilateral Anglo-American agreement for European Recovery Programme aid to Britain.

Their influence will outlast both the Anglo-American bilateral agreement and the impending sterling agreement with India and Pakistan, because the United States Aid Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, is establishing a "continuing committee" of United States bankers to advise him on such subjects, not only now but also in the future.

CAUGHT BETWEEN FIRES

In previous negotiations with India both sides have in fact tried hard to understand and meet the other's viewpoint. Latest utterances by British officials, however, evidently reflect their sensitivity to criticism, not only in Britain but even more in Washington. It is clear that the British are not only aware of the criticism but also of the fact that the Indian side is not unaware of it.

Whitehall has thus got caught between two fires. To India it has to defend Britain against excessive drawings—remembering that drawings which would be regarded as excessive here might be regarded as quite inadequate in India. To critics in Washington and Britain it has to defend India's right to get any drawings at all.

Certainly Whitehall has been putting up a remarkably good case for India, so good that the Indian and Pakistan negotiations, when they arrive, will find much of their brief ready-made for them by the other side.

This agreement on fundamentals will narrow the area of dispute which will require negotiation, and it is less unrealistic than it may sound. Ever since the Anglo-American loan agreement laid down its scheme for settling sterling balances—which included scaling down—it has appeared that Britain and India had a certain common cause against Washington as well as an area of dispute between themselves.

BANKER AND TRUSTEE
High British officials have thus been emphasizing—perhaps more frankly than ever before—that the Bank of England's gold and dollar reserves are the reserves of the whole sterling area, for whom Britain acts as banker and trustee, and not the reserves of Britain alone.

They have been built up by the gold and dollar earnings of the entire sterling area. Thus the British Treasury itself has pointed out that while critics in Washington and Britain complain at the drawings on them by other members of the sterling area, the latter could equally complain at the large proportion spent by one member of the sterling area alone, namely Britain.

Of the gold and dollar drain of \$1,023 million in 1947, £677 million was identifiable for account of Britain alone, and some part of the remainder was unidentifiable so.

The Economic Secretary to the British Treasury has frankly admitted that India and the other members of the sterling area would be entitled to ask whether this is fair from their viewpoint.

TOPICAL CAUSE
Besides the Treasury's general desire to enlighten Washington, this new-found frankness may have a more topical cause. There is strong reason to believe that in the last couple of months the drain on account of overseas sterling has been at least partly offset by a bigger drain for Britain's own sharply increased deficit of visible trade.

It has been officially stated that the outflow of gold and dollars on account of other parts of the sterling area has been "very much lower" in the last two months than in January and February, as the measures to limit this drain took time to mature.

Results which Britain hoped to see in January and February appeared, in fact, in April. But simultaneously, Britain's own visible deficit in March and April was far bigger than in January and February, and far bigger than Whitehall expected.

Since the relevant figures are in the future to be published only quarterly, one will not know until July how these conflicting forces have affected the aggregate drain.

But meanwhile, until Britain's own external unbalance can be rectified, this development naturally makes Whitehall sensitive and rather anxious.—Reuter.

at two superbly-fitted eight-storey "state hotels," which the British Government opens this week. The hotels are near Hyde Park, in London's fashionable Mayfair district.

The delegations will have their own separate entrances and will live entirely apart. Conversion of the buildings from wartime Government offices was speeded up so that they would be ready for the Indian and Pakistan visitors. In 14 days—a "miracle of speed," according to Government Hospitality Chief Sir Eric Crankshaw—bare and ink-stained offices transformed by bright chintzes, thick carpets, deep armchairs and art reproductions.

A staff of 55, with a former West End hotelier in charge, will take care of the guests and the kitchens will be able to provide world-wide varieties of food.

The Government has opened its "hospitality hotels" because private hotel accommodation, already overstrained, could not have coped with the additional demands of Olympic Games visitors.

They are to operate for one year; then a decision on their future will be taken in the light of the accommodation position at that time.—Reuter.

CLOTHES RATIONING RELIEF
London, May 25.—Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said today that it was the Government's ambition to allow an increase in the size of British newspapers "as early as possible"—certainly in 1949—if that could be done without a sacrifice of food and raw materials and a further drain on gold and dollars.

The present size of newspapers is four pages. Mr. Wilson said the Government's aim was a paper of four pages one day and a six-page paper the next.

Mr. Wilson said it was clear that next year supplies of newspaper print from all sources should enable the present rate of consumption in Britain to be fully covered, even if an increase proved impossible.

RATIONING CONCESSION
Mr. Wilson also announced concessions in the severe clothing rationing notified in Britain for the last seven years.

Everyone is to be given a special bonus of 12 additional clothing coupons. Ties, gloves, and women's rayon seamless stockings will no longer be rationed, and there will be permanent cuts in the number of coupons needed for some clothes—including women's half-lined woolen coats and men's underclothes.

He also announced that some curtain fabrics will in future be free of rationing and large bedsheets will require fewer coupons.

He declared the supply position did not justify complete abolition of clothes rationing.—Reuter.

Trouble Spreads In Finland
Helsinki, May 25.—Disorder spread in Finland today when the Communist and Socialist coalition of the People's Democratic Party put strike pressure on the Government to force the appointment of a left-wing Minister of Interior.

The crisis, which arose from the dismissal of the Communist Minister of Interior Yrjö Leino for illegal deportations, was complicated tonight by a statement from M. Leino's successor—M. Eino Kilpi—that he would not remain in the post.

Simultaneously, M. Kilpi's party—the Social Democrats—announced that he has lost his membership since he was standing as a candidate for the Communist-Socialist People's Democrats in the general elections next July.

The People's Democratic Party, which yesterday named an "Action Committee" to ensure continued left-wing representation in the Government, only partly succeeded today in its efforts to call a general strike.

In parts of Helsinki, Communist motorcars equipped with loud-speakers patrolled working-class districts, shouting "the Government is a pack of Fascist conspirators."—Reuter.

MUST HAVE MANIFESTS
Perth, May 25.—With martial law in Egypt, all ships passing through the Suez Canal must now carry complete manifests of cargoes, it was learned here today.—Reuter.

Touch On Those With Tummies

London, May 25.—The plight of stout Britons who are unable to buy large-sized bathing trunks was aired in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Maurice Hollis (Cons.) asked Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, if he were aware that only one pair of outside bathing trunks was manufactured for every four medium-sized pairs.

Mr. Hollis pointed out that there were only 2½ medium-sized to one stout Briton.

Mr. Wilson said he had no control over size ranges produced by manufacturers.—United Press.

Britain's Use Of ERP Aid Questioned

Washington, May 25.—The Senate Appropriations Committee today demanded a report on whether Britain is using American Recovery dollars to aid Arabs in their war against Jews in Palestine.

The Economic Co-operation Administrator (ECA), Paul Hoffman, was asked to make a report as soon as possible and he promised to do so.

Mr. Hoffman was a witness before the committee which is considering appropriations for ERP.

The question of British aid to Arabs was first raised in the Senate on May 21 by Senator Owen Brewster, Republican, Maine. He wanted to know how such aid is related to the ECA programme financed by the United States.

Mr. Hoffman indicated that the ECA will adopt a tough policy toward Argentina on prices of food and goods it wants to sell under the plan.

He said that no arrangements will be made for paying for supplies from Argentina until price agreements are reached with the Argentine Government.—Associated Press.

Death Of Famed "Q" Ship Capt.

London, May 25.—Commodore Sir Charles George Matheson, World War I "mystery ship" commander and last man to sink a German U-boat in that war, died in London on Monday. He was 72.

Matheson's ship, the "Q10", roomed the sea lanes disguised as a rusty old tramp steamer. False slides dropped away and disclosed the British Navy's white ensign and a battery of heavy guns to investigating enemy warships.

Sir George was Commodore of the Orient Line until 1939 when he retired after 50 years at sea.—Associated Press.

Princess Elizabeth An Hon. DCL

Oxford, May 26.—Princess Elizabeth received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Law today from Oxford University.

The Princess can now add DCL to her name and may attend all official ceremonies at the 800-year old university.

The Princess, accompanied by Her Lady-in-Waiting, Lady Margaret Edgerton, arrived early today on her first visit to Oxford. She was escorted with members of the University in Brasenose College before attending the presentation ceremony in the old Sheldonian Theatre where the Vice-Chancellor of the University conferred the degree on her. She wore the traditional black gown and cap.

In a short speech the Princess thanked the Vice-Chancellor and all university members for the "honour" they had done her in conferring it with "this most coveted distinction."

"POWERFUL FORTRESSES"

The Princess said: "We live in an age when the ready-made museums of the theatre absorb our leisure and leave no time for those more abiding pleasures of mind which only hard work and concentrated effort can procure. In this sense universities are powerful fortresses against the tide of sloth, ignorance and materialism."

After the ceremony, Princess Elizabeth went on a sightseeing tour of four other colleges and saw a performance of "Magna Carta" which, in accordance with tradition, had been specially written for her. Among the many members of royalty and commoners who have received the honorary degree in the past are Queen Wilhelmina, King Haakon of Norway, General Dwight Eisenhower, Admiral Sir John Clark, and General Mark Clark.—United Press.

BAO DAI GOING TO LONDON

Saigon, May 25.—Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, will leave here for London by plane on June 5, according to a member of the Emperor's staff.

We will also visit Geneva and, if invited by the French Government, Paris.

Before leaving, he will see M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, and General Nguyen Xuan, Premier of South Viet Nam.—Reuter.

Only Half What Is Needed Available

Washington, May 25.—Rice exports during 1948 will meet only half of the needs of rice-consuming countries. It was disclosed today when recommendations made by the International Emergency Food Committee of the Council of the Food and Agricultural Organization showed 3,100,000 metric tons of rice were available for export.

Import requirements of rice-consuming areas, as reported to the IFEC, totaled 6,110,100 tons for 1948.—Reuter.

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